

Approved meeting minutes

**1. Welcome**

Participants: Holly Hansen, Cynthia Zingler, Robin Kohler, Joanna Keyes, Georgiette Adejayan, Angelle Mclean, Amani Clemons, Emily Guerrero, Michelle Hill, Phil Bunick, Josh Wells, Cody Flannigan, Kirt McTighe, Cassandra Schend, Rebecca Webber, Kaitlin Carafa.

**2. Review of 1/15/20 minutes:**

A motion to accept the 1/15/20 draft minutes as presented was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**3. CADCA Conference Review**

Members who attended the conferences shared the valuable information and experiences they gained during the conference with the group. The conference was composed of prevention-oriented workshops for adults and youth, and members who attended had the opportunity to present the Real Talk campaign project poster in CADCA's Ideas Fair. Vernon ROCKS also attended Capitol Hill day alongside other coalitions from around the country to advocate the importance of prevention to our local representatives and state senators.

**4. Real Talk Vernon updates**

- a. Vaping PSA progress: Real Talk members have been meeting bi-weekly to plan the PSA which aims to communicate to youth that support, and resources are available to them to help them stop vaping.
- b. New member recruitment: Real Talk members are starting to work on their skills to promote the group to other youth in Vernon to recruit new members.
- c. Conversation Cards: Conversation cards are now at 5 local restaurants and have been recognized by members in the community. Vernon ROCKS is working on establishing partnerships with many of these restaurants to start social media "giveaways".

**5. MVPP updates**

- a. MVPP Advisory Board: Our first meeting took place on 1/16/20. There were 5 coalition members from Vernon and 3 from Manchester, in addition to project staff. We discussed potential joint activities and some ways we can work together.
- b. First SAMHSA call: Call scheduled for 3/4/20 – Kaitlin and our evaluator will be on the call.
- c. Continuation Application: Our continuation application for FY20 has been submitted to SAMHSA.

**6. Upcoming Events**

- a. March RHS Parent Advisory Meeting- 3/11 6pm — This meeting will include the local Hidden in Plain Sight trailer, SRO Josh Wells Q&A session, and a presentation of local data by Vernon ROCKS staff.
- b. RHS Peer Advocates Volleyball Lock-In — 3/13-3/14 10pm-6am — Please contact Mrs. McTighe if you are interested in chaperoning.
- c. DEA Drug Take Back event – 4/25
- d. CT Prevention Workforce Conference – April 29<sup>th</sup> more info TBA

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- e. National Prevention Week May 10-16 — Annual Rockville ROCKS block party tentative date either 5/9 or 5/16. MVPP is exploring the opportunity of hosting a prevention walk, and RHS Peer Advocates will be coordinating the mock car crash during this week.

**7. DHMAS Site Visit Report Review**

The DMHAS Site Visit Report was reviewed with the group, the coalition was identified as sufficient in all areas. Thank you to the coalition members who took the time to sit on the panel discussion with our DMHAS program manager, and to those who helped at the basketball tournament event that was observed.

**8. Other Announcements**

**9. Next Meeting: March 18<sup>th</sup>**

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